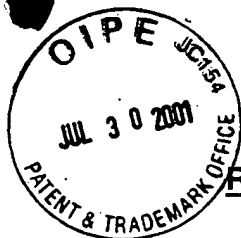


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REMARKS

The change in the specification clarifies in that paragraph that the wear surface is provided only in part by backstitches and in part by the primary backing. This is quite clear from the balance of the specification (see, for example, page 10, lines 9-13). The claims are added to obtain a more complete scope of patent protection to which applicant is entitled based on this disclosure.

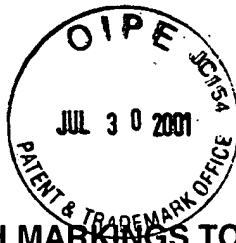
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1:

(Amended) The appearance of the present covering is retained over a long period of usage. Instead of having exposed upstanding pile continuously worn down in high-traffic areas as in conventional tufted carpet, the wear surface of the present covering is provided in part by the backstitches, which are drawn tightly against the primary backing. Consequently, a very dense pile, with little capability for movement, is afforded. Moreover, with this construction, the textile characteristics of the covering, such as multiple colors and different textures, are retained.

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